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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND PROVISIONAL
ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement dated June 26, 2003 (Paper No. 8), please consider the following traversal, provisional election, and remarks. Applicants submit a Fee Transmittal Sheet concurrently herewith.

Applicants respectfully request the entry of the amendments on the following pages.